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**Viva L. Bahmer, 65,
Wife of Archivist**

Viva L. Bahmer, 65, wife of Robert H. Bahmer, former archivist of the United States, died of emphysema Sunday at their home in San Francisco.

Born in Park Rapids, Minn., Mrs. Bahmer came to Washington with her husband in 1934 when he joined the staff of Rep. Frank E. Hook (D-Mich.).

He transferred to the newly created National Archives in 1936, was deputy archivist from 1948 to 1966, and then archivist until retiring in 1968. They moved to San Francisco in 1974.

Mrs. Bahmer was highly skilled in ceramics and glasswork.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, Henry, of Annandale, and C. L. Bahmer, of Plymouth, Mich.; a daughter, Katherine J. Patchner of San Francisco; and seven grandchildren.